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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Francisco – San Francisco Becomes First City to Sue Equifax over Data Breach

(U) The city of San Francisco filed a lawsuit yesterday against Equifax, becoming the first city in the country to sue the credit reporting company over a massive data breach that exposed the personal information of about 143 million Americans. The city's lawsuit accuses Equifax of violating state law by failing to implement reasonable security measures and not providing timely notice of the breach. It seeks tens of millions of dollars in civil penalties as well as restitution for some consumers. SOURCE: 26 September 2017, Associated Press

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Wisconsin – Man Who Sent Manifesto to Trump Found Guilty of Gun Charges

(U) Madison – A Wisconsin man who had sent an anti-government manifesto to President Donald Trump was found guilty by a federal jury yesterday of stealing an arsenal of weapons from a gun shop. Joseph Jakubowski, 32, was arrested in April after a massive manhunt following his theft of 18 guns and two silencers from the shop. Before the crime, he mailed his 161-page manifesto to Trump which criticized government officials and contained "anti-religious views," according to investigators. Jakubowski faces up to 10 years in prison and up to \$250,000 in fines for each count of stealing from a licensed firearm dealer and as a felon in possession of a firearm.

SOURCE: 26 September 2017, Reuters

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Germany - Alleged ISIS Recruiter Goes on Trial

(U) Berlin – An Iraqi preacher accused of recruiting fighters for ISIS, including two believed to have killed more than 150 Iraqi soldiers in suicide bombings, went on trial in a German court today. Four alleged members of the network he had set up also stood trial. Prosecutors say the 33-year-old preacher recruited at least seven individuals who ended up traveling to the Middle East where they fought alongside ISIS militants. Two died in two separate suicide-bombing attacks against Iraqi army positions in 2015 in which more than 150 soldiers were killed, prosecutors said.

SOURCE: 26 September 2017, Reuters

(U) Switzerland – UN: Russian State Agents Behind 'Grave Violations' in Crimea

(U) Geneva – Russian state agents have committed serious abuses, including torture, in Crimea, the UN said on 25 September, warning that the rights situation in the annexed peninsula had "significantly deteriorated" under Moscow's occupation. In a new report, the UN human rights agency said it had documented "grave human rights violations, such as arbitrary arrests and detentions, enforced disappearances, ill-treatment and torture, and at least one extra-judicial execution." Moscow annexed the Black Sea peninsula from Ukraine in March 2014 soon after the overthrow of Ukraine's pro-Russian president Viktor Yanukovych following mass protests in Kiev.

SOURCE: 25 September 2017, Associated Foreign Press

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(U) United Kingdom - Counter-Terrorism Police Arrest 11 in Far-Right Investigation

(U) London – British police said counter-terrorism officers had arrested 11 people today as part of an investigation into a banned far-right group. The 11 men were arrested across the country on suspicion of offenses including preparing terrorist acts, being members of a banned organization, and possession of terrorism documents as part of the inquiry into the National Action organization. The neo-Nazi group became the first far-right organization to be outlawed in Britain last year after the murder of member of parliament Jo Cox, whose killing it had praised.

SOURCE: 27 September 2017, Reuters

SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) San Diego - Construction of Border Wall Prototypes Begin Amid Security Concerns

(U) The federal government said yesterday that contractors began building eight prototypes of President Donald Trump's proposed border wall with Mexico, hitting a milestone toward a key campaign pledge. San Diego police officers and county sheriff's deputies were out in force at intersections and along streets near the entrance to the construction site, adding to the presence of state and federal officers providing security for potential large-scale protests that did not materialize. The potential for demonstrations also prompted the county Board of Supervisors yesterday to pass an ordinance to give the county the power to create special zones where knives, sticks, bats, pepper spray, bricks, and other possible weapons are temporarily prohibited. The ordinance is intended to protect First Amendment rights while keeping people safe, San Diego County Supervisor Greg Cox said.

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